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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
ILFRACOMBE.

To the Chairman and Members of the Ilfracombe Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Urban District.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

E. WILLIAMS,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Public Health Staff :

Part-Time Officer :

Medical Officer of Health—

E. WILLIAMS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Whole-Time Officers :

*Senior Public Health Inspector, Cleansing Superintendent,
Housing Officer, Petroleum Inspector.*

D. G. ANDREWS, Cert. S.I.B., A.R.S.H.

*Clerk—*B. T. DOWN.

Statistics.

General Statistics.

Area (Land and Inland Water)	...	...	5,627 acres
Population :—			
Mid 1967 Estimate	...	...	8,240
Rateable Value (1-4-67)	...	...	£341,384
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	£1,339
Bright sunshine during 1967	...	...	1563.8 hours
Rainfall during 1967	...	...	48.76 inches

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

Births : Area Comparability Factor	...	...	1.28
Deaths : „ „ „	...	...	0.67

Vital Statistics.

Live Births—

Number	...	...	...	...	113
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	13.7
Rate per 1,000 population, adjusted by Comp. Factor	...	...	...	...	17.4
Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of Total Live Births	...	...	...	...	12.4%

Stillbirths—

Number	...	...	...	...	2
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	17

Total Live and Still Births	115
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Infant Deaths, (deaths under 1 year)	7
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Infant Mortality Rates—

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 Total Live Births	62
Legit „ „ „ „ Legit „ „	...	...	...	...	60
Illegit. „ „ „ „ Illegit. „ „	...	...	...	...	71

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 Total Live Births)	53
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Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Total Live Births)	44
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Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths, and Deaths under week combined, per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births)	61
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Maternal Mortality (including Abortion)

Number of Deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	Nil
Deaths	...	...	...	...	157
Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	19
" " " " " "	...	...	...	adjusted by Comp. Factor	12.8

Population, Births and Deaths Table for the Urban District since 1931.

Year	Population	Live Births	Deaths
1931	9,175 Census		
1951	9,228 Census		
1959	8,650	113	130
1960	8,620	105	139
1961	8,701 Census	117	155
1962	8,510	102	145
1963	8,420	120	157
1964	8,200	129	143
1965	8,280	136	152
1966	8,230	140	143
1967	8,240	113	157

LIVE BIRTHS.	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	50	49	99
Illegitimate	8	6	14
	—	—	—
	58	55	113

DEATHS.	Males	Females	Total
	68	89	157

BIRTH RATE (adjusted) AND DEATH RATE.

1959	14.9	10.9
1960	13.9	11.6
1961	15.3	12.8
1962	13.6	12.4
1963	18.1	12.6
1964	20.1	11.6
1965	19.5	11.5
1966	21.7	11.54
1967	17.4	12.8

Table showing the certified Causes of Death in the district during 1967.

Registrar General's Figures.

				Males	Females
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	...		1	—
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	...	...		—	2
Malignant Neoplasm Lung Bronchus	...	...		11	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...		—	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	...		5	5
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	...	...		—	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	...		6	24
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...		15	10
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...		—	1
Other heart disease	...	...		13	25
Other circulatory disease	...	...		4	4
Influenza	...	...		—	1
Pneumonia	...	...		4	1
Bronchitis	...	...		2	0
Gastritis Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...	...		1	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...		1	—
Congenital Malformations	...	...		—	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...		2	4
Motor Vehicle accidents	...	...		1	—
All other accidents	...	...		1	4
Suicide	...	...		1	1
				—	—
				68	89

CANCER DEATHS.

			Male	Female
Stomach	..	...	—	2
Lung and Bronchus	...	...	11	—
Breast	...	...	—	2
Uterus	...	...	—	—
Others	...	...	5	5

Total Number of Cancer Deaths and percentage of Cancer Deaths to total Deaths.

Year	Total Deaths	Cancer Deaths	% of Cancer Deaths to Total Deaths
1959	130	19	14.7
1960	139	27	19.4
1961	155	22	15.0
1962	145	33	22.0
1963	157	27	17.0
1964	143	33	23.0
1965	152	25	16.0
1966	143	28	19.0
1967	157	25	15.9

Infant Mortality Rate.

During the year 7 infants died under the age of 1 year.

		Males	Females
Legitimate	...	1	5
Illegitimate	...	1	—

Causes of Infant Deaths were as follows :

1. Male 1 day—collapsed lung.
2. Female 1 day—collapsed lung.
3. Female 1 day—congenital heart disease.
4. Female 13 hours—Multiple congenital abnormalities.
5. Female 5 days—Cerebral anexia.
6. Female 8 days—Congenital abnormalities.
7. Male 4 months—Acute bronchitis.

Maternal Mortality.

There were no deaths due to childbirth during the year.

Cancer of Lungs and Bronchus.

Year	Male	Female	Total
1959	2	1	3
1960	2	3	5
1961	4	1	5
1962	4	1	5
1963	3	1	4
1964	10	1	11
1965	7	2	9
1966	10	—	10
1967	11	—	11

Infectious Diseases.

Fifty-five infectious disease cases were notified during the year.

Measles	...	52
Non Pul. Tuberculosis		3

Of the 3 non pulmonary tuberculosis notifications received, one was a 3 year old boy with tuberculous glands of the leg, a 74 year old female with tuberculosis of the skin, and a 31 year old female with tuberculous glands of the neck, the latter having recently moved into the district, contracting the disease elsewhere.

No lung tuberculosis cases were notified during the year.

No cases of food poisoning were notified.

Brucella Abortus organisms were isolated in culture in milk samples produced in the Urban District. The milk was sold to the Ilfracombe Dairies where it was pasteurised before re-sale. The farmer concerned was informed of the infection amongst his herd and advised

to heat treat any milk used for his own domestic consumption. He was also advised to consult his own Veterinary Officer regarding identification and isolation of the infected animal.

Whilst Undulant Fever in humans is not a notifiable disease no instance of this infection in humans was brought to my notice during the year.

Incidence of Lung Tuberculosis.

	Notification	Death
1959	2	1
1960	1	1
1961	2	1
1962	3	—
1963	4	1
1964	1	1
1965		
1966	5	—
1967	0	1

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Hospitals.

The hospital services for Ilfracombe and the surrounding areas are administered by the South-West Regional Hospital Board through the North Devon Hospital Management Committee.

The hospitals situated in the town are the Ilfracombe and District Tyrrell Hospital which has 32 beds and the Bicklecombe Hospital which has ten beds for convalescent patients, ten for maternity cases and four ante-natal beds.

Isolation of Infectious Diseases.

The Kingsley Hospital at Bideford is available for infectious diseases other than small pox.

Small Pox. Liskeard Small Pox Hospital is the one to which any cases of small pox will be sent.

Special ambulance transport can be obtained through Plymouth Ambulance Service. Tel. No. Plymouth 64101.

Laboratory Facilities. Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Exeter.

Ambulance Services. Two motor ambulances, under the control of the County Health Authority, are stationed at Ilfracombe and operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Orthopaedic Clinic. Held at Boutport Street, Barnstaple, the first Friday in each month at 11 a.m. by appointment.

Chest Clinic. At the North Devon Infirmary Annexe, Barnstaple. Sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. for clinic and X Ray examinations, and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Venereal Diseases Clinic. This is held at the North Devon Infirmary Annexe.

Females : Mondays 4-0 p.m. Thursdays 4-30 p.m.

Males : Mondays 5-15 p.m. Thursdays 5-45 p.m.

G.P. Clinic. Devon County Council Health Centre which was opened during the year.

The following sessions are held at the G.P. Clinic :

Child Welfare Centre	Thursdays, 2—4-30 p.m.
Ante Natal Clinic	2nd & 4th Mondays 2-30 to 4-30 p.m.
School Clinic	Daily 9—9-15 a.m. during term.
Consultation Clinic	1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon
School Children	
Dental Clinic	Fridays, 9-30 to 11-30 a.m.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Ophthalmic Clinic	3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m.—12 noon odd months, January, etc.
Speech Therapy	2nd and 4th Tuesdays, p.m.
Chiropody Clinic	1st, 2nd and 5th Wednesdays, a.m.
Hearing Assessment Clinic	2nd Tuesdays, 10 a.m.—12 noon.
Cytology Clinic	1st Wednesday each month, a.m.
Family Planning	1st and 2nd Wednesday, a.m.

Mass Radiography Service.

The Mobile Mass X-Ray Unit visits the town on alternate Wednesdays.

National Assistance Act, 1948. Sect. 47.

No elderly persons were removed compulsorily from their homes to County Welfare Centres during the year.

MEALS ON WHEELS.

This Service, run by the W.V.S., commenced 1963 by serving 15 meals to persons in need of the service twice weekly, during 1967 increased to 30 meals per session.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1967.

To the Chairman and Members of the Ilfracombe Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my second Annual Report relating to work of my Department for the year ending 31st December, 1967,

No Council Houses were constructed during the year, but the Authority agreed in principal to a joint development with the County Council for the erection of a residential old people's home (County Council) and the construction of approximately 47 units of accommodation—principally for old people at Burrow House, Highfield Road. At the end of the year there were 76 applicants on the waiting list one-bedroomed accommodation, 60 applicants for two-bedroomed accommodation, 23 applicants for three-bedroomed accommodation, and 7 applicants for four-bedroomed accommodation.

As it will be seen the principle need is for one-bedroomed accommodation for elderly people, and the several one-bedroomed units to be constructed at Burrow House site will relieve this situation considerably.

During the year one new public convenience was constructed at the Oxford Park Car Park and came into operation in June.

Four further public conveniences were provided with wash-hand basins and cold water supply during the year and more will be installed during 1968. There are now only a few without this facility.

Paper towels and soap are provided free of charge at all toilets for use in connection with washing facilities.

Some labour difficulties were experienced during the summer months with the refuse collection staff, but once this problem was resolved, the service continued to operate satisfactorily.

Each refuse crew is permitted to leave work when the daily 'work task' is completed, one vehicle being kept at the Hele Depot until normal finishing time to deal with any complaints of premises missed during the day. Refuse staff directly receive the proceeds of all salvage collected by them.

During the latter part of the year, the Council gave consideration to the purchase of a new vehicle to take the place of the seven year old Shelvoke and Drury petrol driven vehicle. A Dennis Paxit IIA was felt to be the most suitable after demonstrations of various machines and should be available for use during the early part of the 1968 Summer Season. The old vehicle is to be retained for use in case of emergency.

By the end of the year a total of 150 premises had been given a general inspection under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act. This represents 88% of the total number of premises registered with the Authority. In the majority of cases little difficulty has been experienced in obtaining the co-operation of occupiers to ensure that their premises comply with the requirements of the Act.

When registered premises are also food premises they are inspected under the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations. The general standard in food premises generally, continues to be satisfactory.

During the year, 1,888 visits were made and 355 interviews granted in relation to the work of the Department.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Members of the Council, Officers and my Clerk, Mr. Down, for their support and assistance during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

D. G. ANDREWS, Cert. S.I.B., A.R.S.H.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE, 1967.

Public Health				<i>Visits</i>	<i>Revisits</i>
General	...	...	...	105	43
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	—	—
Rooms disinfected	...	...	...	—	—
Refuse (including bins)	...	...	...	319	17
Refuse (Trade)	...	...	...	—	—
Litter	...	...	...	—	—
Accumulations	...	...	...	—	—
Camping and Caravans	...	...	...	60	48
Drains	...	...	...	94	135
Drains tested	...	...	...	18	8
Sewers and Sewage disposal	...	...	...	—	—
Insect Pests	...	...	...	3	2
Refuse Tip	...	...	...	221	—
Complaints	...	...	...	2	1
Rodent Control	...	...	...	6	—
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	94	—
Pet Shops	...	...	...	1	—
Depot	...	...	...	34	—
Water Supply	...	...	...	2	—
Theatre/Entertainments	...	...	...	—	—
Swimming Baths	...	...	...	3	—
Sanitary Accommodation (Section 44)	...	...	...	—	—
Diseases of Animals	...	...	...	1	—
Animal Boarding Establishments	...	...	...	2	—
Housing					
General	...	...	...	328	80
Overcrowding	...	...	...	1	—
Grants	...	...	...	15	4
Inspections (Regulations)	...	...	...	—	—
Applications	...	...	...	207	8
Interviews	...	...	...	28	—
Sites	...	...	...	—	—
Complaints	...	...	...	—	—
Conversions	...	...	...	—	—
Certificates of disrepair	...	...	...	—	—

				<i>Visits</i>	<i>Revisits</i>
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	10	—
Petroleum Tank Tests		...	...	1	—
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963				115	53
Factories (with power)	...	...	...	3	2
(without power)		...	...	3	—
Sites, etc.	...	...	...	1	—
Food and Drugs					
Regulations	...	...	...	108	12
Ice Cream	...	...	...	15	—
Milk and Dairies	...	...	...	1	—
Meat and Foods	...	...	...	12	—
Markets	...	...	...	—	—
Meetings	...	...	...	70	—
Miscellaneous Visits	...	...	...	—	—
Interviews, etc.	...	...	...	327	—

REGISTERED COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no houses registered in the district.

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

Refuse	...	...	...	...	221
Drains, sewers and closets			...	...	8
Food and Drugs		...	...	...	7
Housing matters		...	...	...	1
Holiday Accommodation			...	...	3
Streams	...	...	...	...	1
Smoke		...	...	...	8
Rats and Mice		...	...	...	72
Animals, Birds and Insects			...	...	7
Smell ...	...	...	...	...	5
Accumulations and Litter			...	...	1
Water	...	...	...	...	1
Public Conveniences		...	...	...	—
Noise		..	...	...	1
Miscellaneous		...	...	...	7
			Total	...	343

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS
Summary of items which received attention

Washbasin provided	...	...	...	...	3
General decoration	...	...	...	...	3
Walls and floors repaired	...	...	...	...	1
Ventilated lobbies provided	...	...	...	...	1

SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS RECORDED.

Work done 1967 as a result of action taken :—

				<i>Informal Notice</i>	<i>Statutory Notice</i>
Drains cleared	...	...	...	24	—
Drains repaired	...	...	...	10	—
Drains relaid	...	...	...	2	—
Chambers repaired	...	...	...	7	—
Rain water pipe repaired	...	...	...	1	—
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	6	—
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	3	—
Dog kept under control	...	...	...	2	—
Gutters repaired	...	...	...	1	—
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	16	—

During the year, 336 Informal Notices and 2 Statutory Notices
were served.

				<i>Informal</i>	<i>Statutory</i>
Public Health	...	...	...	177	1
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act				94	—
Food and Drugs	...	...		50	—
Disease of Animals	...	...		2	—
Civic Amenities Act	...	...		1	—
Factories Act	...	...		1	—
Animal Boarding Establishments Act				1	—
Housing Acts	...	...		6	1
Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act				2	—
Petroleum Acts	...	...		1	—
Pet Animals Act	...	...		1	—
				—	—
			Total	336	2

Factories Act, 1961.

1. **Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	14	3	—	—
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	42	5	—	—
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	4	—	—	—
Total	60	8	Nil	Nil

2. **Cases in which Defects were found**

Particulars	Number of Cases in which Defects were				Number of defects in which Prose- cutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	—	—	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil

OUTWORK.

SECTION 110

SECTION 111

Nature of Work	Number of outworkers in August	Number of Cases of Default in sending lists	Number of prosecutions for failure to send lists	Number of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecu- tions
Wearing Apparel —Making etc.	1	—	—	—	—	—
Plastics ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shoe repairs	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Clean Air Act. One complaint in respect of a factory chimney emitting 'black smoke' was made during the year. Investigating showed that a new automatic stoker had been installed. After considerable experiment with adjustment to the plant and using a variety of different fuels, the plant was eventually removed and manual stoking recommenced, after which no further trouble was experienced.



Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year:

(a) By the Local Authority	...	...	...	—
(b) By private enterprise	...	...	...	26

Housing Statistics.

1.	INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.			
(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	59
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	180
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations		—
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	—
	(c)	Number of notices served to remedy defects	...	—
2.	HOUSES DEMOLISHED			
3.	UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED AS A RESULT OF ACTION UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS			
4.	UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED :			
		After informal action	...	29
		After formal action under		
	(a)	Public Health Acts (1) by Owners	...	—
		(2) by L.A. in default	...	—
	(b)	Housing Acts	...	1

Housing. The number of applicants on the Council's waiting list for re-housing remained constant during the year, but in many cases existing living standards of applicants is reasonable.

Mrs. Braund, the Warden of the Old People's Flats at Wilder Park continues to carry out her duties in a very efficient manner. The community at the Flats is very contented, and very few complaints are received.

The proposed construction of the County Council Old People's Residential Home and several single-bedroom units of accommodation at Burrow House, Highfield Road, will help considerably to reduce the number of applicants on the Council's waiting list for this type of accommodation.

Three houses were demolished during the year as a result of formal and informal action under the Housing Acts.

Re-housing. During the year 17 Council houses were let as a result of changes of tenancy, and 4 tenants exchanged occupation of Council owned properties.

Overcrowding and Certificates of Disrepair. No cases of overcrowding were reported. No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. There are 3 sites licenced under the provisions of the above Act, and one site is operated by the Caravan Club.

Tenting. Four sites are used for tenting (including one under the control of the Camping Club of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). Sanitary accommodation and water supply is available.

108 visits were paid to sites during the year.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply is controlled by the North Devon Water Board. 76 bacteriological samples were taken by the Board and all proved satisfactory.

The following information has been supplied by the Board.

The water supply has been entirely satisfactory in quality and in quantity.

Bacteriological samples are taken weekly and duplicate examination results are sent to the Council. These samples are taken from consumers' taps at various points in the town. Samples for bacteriological analyses are not normally taken of the raw water as this is known to vary from day to day according to rainfall.

The water supplied from Hore Down is slightly plumbo-solvent at the source, although this is corrected by treatment at Friendship before the water is put into supply.

No action has been necessary with regard to contamination.

The number of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains is 3,370.

Natural Fluoride content of water .02 part per million.

Swimming Baths. The Council operate large covered sea water swimming baths, and there are also three Private Swimming Baths attached to Hotels. The water is filtered and chlorinated.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

No premises are used as slaughterhouses in the district.

The number of food and other shops in this area are :

Cafés	...	...	53
Canteens	...	...	9
Bakehouses	...	...	5
Grocers and Dairies	...	...	38
Greengrocers	...	...	11
Butchers	...	...	11
Fishmongers	...	...	3
Fish and Chip Shops	...	...	3
Confectioners, Tobacconists and Newsagents	...	...	25
Public Houses and Licensed Premises	...	...	24
Ladies' and Gents' Outfitters	...	...	24
Boot and Shoe Shops	...	...	5
Multiple Stores	...	...	4
Jewellers and Opticians	...	...	5
Chemists and Toilet	...	...	5
Fancy Goods, Toys and Photography	...	...	28
Hairdressers	...	...	8
Furniture Shops	...	...	1
Ironmongers, Decorators and Cycles	...	...	11
Electrical Goods	...	...	4
Pet Shops and Seed Merchants	...	...	2
Garages and Petroleum Sales	...	...	17
Betting Shops	...	...	3

Unsound Food surrendered as unfit for human consumption :
9cwt. 1qr.

Unsound food is disposed of by burying at the Council Refuse Tip.

In most cases the food condemned originated from deep freeze cabinets which had broken down.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Table A. Registrations and General Inspections.

Class of Premises	Number of Premises regd. during the year	Total number of regd. Premises at end of year	Number of registered Premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	—	38	16
Retail Shops ...	2	92	72
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses ...	—	2	1
Catering establishments open to the public	1	38	14
Canteens	—	—	—
Fuel Storage Depots ...	—	1	—
TOTALS	3	170	103

Table B. Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises ... 116

Table C. Persons employed in registered premises by workplace.

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed		
	M	F	Total
Offices	91	78	169
Retail Shops	138	226	364
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses ...	5	2	7
Catering establishments open to the public	113	183	296
Canteens	—	—	—
Fuel Storage Depots	—	—	—
TOTALS	347	489	836

Table D. Exemptions. Nil

Table E. Prosecutions. Nil

Table F. Inspectors.

Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act	One
Number of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act	None

MILK SUPPLY.

The County Council's Licence permits pasteurising at the Local Dairies under the Food and Drugs Act.

Ice Cream. No samples were taken during 1966.

There is 1 premises registered for the manufacture, 58 premises licensed for the sale, and 1 for the storage of ice cream.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960. 120 visits were made in connection with the regulations

Food & Drugs Sampling.

Devon County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority for this area. All complaints relating to unsound food are passed to the County Council for any action that Authority consider necessary.

Rodent and Pest Control.

Rodent Control. This service is carried out on a part-time basis by a Council employee who does routine inspections and treatments using warfarin poison.

No major infestations were reported during the year.

The Refuse Tip is daily inspected for rat infestation and if any activity is found, treatment is carried out immediately.

The use of warfarin poison reduces risk of danger to domestic animals to minimal proportions and no cases of warfarin-prejudice was encountered during the year.

Pest Control. Wasps. In all cases advice is given on the best methods to be adopted for the extermination of these pests.

REFUSE

Vehicles. The Council have three vehicles in use, one being laid up at Hele Depot during the winter months. The vehicles are :

- (1) Ford 15 cwt. with specially constructed body for refuse collection, purchased August, 1964.
- (2) Shelvoke and Drewry Fore and Aft Tipper with compression plate, purchased in May, 1960.
- (3) Shelvoke and Drewry TN type Continuous Loader, purchased in April, 1966.

The Council gave consideration to the purchase of a new vehicle during the year. A new Dennis Paxit IIA will be available for use in the 1968 summer season. The old S. & D. Fore and Aft Tipper will be kept serviceable at the Hele Depot, to be used if necessary.

Collection Service. Household refuse is collected weekly throughout the Urban District. Two collections are made each week during the summer months from Hotels and Guest Houses which are so assessed for rating purposes.

Further collections are made if requested on payment of 10/- per bin per additional collection per week for the summer season and pro rata charges are made for the collection of trade refuse, varying from £1 11s. 6d. to £5 12s. 6d. according to quantity to be removed.

Disposal of Refuse. The Refuse Tip at Killacleave Wood serves the District and controlled tipping is carried out.

A B85 tracked vehicle is employed at the Tip which was purchased in May, 1965, to level the refuse and dig covering material.

The amount of refuse deposited during the year consisted of 2,524 loads weighing an estimated 4,153 tons. In addition 3,238 loads of soil and other covering material were deposited at the Tip during the year.

The Council's proposed development at Hagginton Head proved useful for the disposal of soil, etc., arising from building operations, etc., in the town. This reduced the quantity to be tipped at the Killacleave Controlled Refuse Tip very considerably, which will help to extend the life of the site. During the latter end of the year, work was commenced to form a new road at the east side of the Tip, in order to start tipping once more at the lower levels.

No trouble was experienced with rats at the Tip, due to adequate covering and constant vigilance on the part of the Tip Attendant to detect any infestation.

GULLEY EMPTYING

The Surveyor's Department operates a gulley emptier which is maintained on the old General Purpose Lorry.

Pet Animals Act, 1961.

One shop was licensed under the above Act.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act.

One premises is registered under the above Act.

Public Conveniences.

List of Public Conveniences in the Urban District :—

Situation	Accommodation	
	Females	Males
Hele	2 W.C.s	3 Urinal Stalls
Brimlands	2 „	3 „ „
Shearclose	3 „	4 „ „
St. James' Park	1 „	2 „ „
Pier	7 „	7 „ „
Cheyne	2 „	3 „ „
Pavilion	14 „	8 „ „
Market Square	8 „	9 „ „
Northfield Road	3 „	5 „ „
Church Hill	4 „	6 „ „
Bicclescombe Park	2 „	3 „ „
The Cove	3 „	3 „ „
Lee	4 „	3 „ „
Oxford Park	3 „	3 „ „

The new toilets at Oxford Park Car Park came into operation in June, where excellent facilities are provided.

Conveniences at the Pier continued to be cleaned by the Harbour Staff.

All other toilets in use are visited and cleaned every day during the winter time, and more frequently during the summer months.

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936.

During the year 23 renewal licenses permitting the storage of petroleum spirit and mixtures were issued.

The quantity of petroleum spirit involved was 65,460 gallons.

Licence fees received by the Local Authority amounted to £24 0s. 0d.

11 inspections were carried out during the year, and 11 tanks were the subject of satisfactory 'ullage tests' during the year.

